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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA AND NORTH-KOREA ESTABLISH
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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF ROK EMBASSY MET AT HIS REQUEST WITH ARA/CEN/CR (SULLIVAN) TO EXPRESS CONCERN AT OPENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN DPRK AND GOCR. COUNSELOR FELT DPRK WOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT MISSION IN SAN JOSE. WHEN ASKED, SULLIVAN JUDGED OPENING OF PERMANENT DPRK MISSION AS UNLIKELY BASED ON COSTA RICA'S PREVIOUS OPENING OF RELATIONS WITH NUMEROUS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITHOUT THIS LEADING TO AN EXCHANGE OF RESIDENT AMBASSADORS.

2. COSTA RICA IS THE ONLY LATIN NATION, OUTSIDE OF CUBA AND ARGENTINA TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH DPRK. ANNOUNCEMENT IN N.Y. AND MINIMAL COVERAGE IN SAN JOSE
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IMAGE. EMBASSY COMMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED, AS
WELL AS ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AND ANY FURTHER VIEWS
EXPRESSED BY FONOFF OFFICIALS.

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